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## [Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for March, 1901.*

Nephritis.....	2	Pulmonary congestion.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	9	Mitral insufficiency.....	1
Asistolia.....	1	Hepatitis.....	1
Entero-colitis.....	4	Cerebral congestion.....	1
Pneumonia.....	1	Syphilis.....	1
Cachexia.....	1	Anæmia.....	1
Tetanus, infantile.....	1		
Epiploitis (suppurative).....	1	Total.....	38
Meningitis.....	1		
Bronchitis.....	2	March, 1900—	
Icterus.....	1	Births.....	68
Gastro-enteritis.....	2	Deaths.....	122
Colitis.....	1	March, 1901—	
Asthma.....	1	Births.....	71
Rachitis.....	2	Deaths.....	38
Old age.....	2		

*Report from Ponce.*

PONCE, P. R., April 8, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended April 6, 1901; also, report of immigrants, the summary of transactions of this station, and mortality report of the city for the month of March, 1901.

Seven vessels were inspected and passed, and 3 bills of health were issued during the week. The provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* sailed this week for Progreso, Mexico, with 291 immigrants.

The death rate of Ponce still decreases, being 119 less in March, 1901, than in March, 1900.

The smallpox cases are disappearing, the medical authorities effecting many cures among the patients in the hospital since they have been brought together and isolated in that building. Since last report 6 new cases have appeared and 13 cases recovered, and there are at present under treatment 27. No deaths. None has been reported in the Port.

Respectfully,

F. ALEMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

In temporary charge.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

## [Inclosure.]

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country), during the month of March, 1901.*

Digestive system.....	44	Metritis.....	2
Respiratory system.....	6	Cancer.....	2
Circulatory system.....	8	Alcoholism.....	1
Nervous system.....	8	Tetanus traumatic.....	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....	27	Anthrax.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	8		
Malaria.....	19	Total.....	127

*Summary of transactions of Service during the month of April, 1901.*

Number of deaths reported during March, 1901 (a).....	127
Number of deaths reported during March, 1900 (a).....	246
Number of births reported during March, 1901 (a).....	65
Number of births reported during March, 1900 (a).....	121

(a) These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce.

*Summary of transactions of Service, etc.—Continued.*

Total number of vessels inspected during March, 1901.....	16
Total number of vessels inspected during March, 1900.....	39
Total number of bills of health issued during March, 1901.....	29
Total number of bills of health issued during March, 1900.....	34
Number of vessels in quarantine during March, 1901.....	3
Number of passengers inspected during March, 1901 (incoming) .....	104
Number of passengers inspected during March, 1901 (in transit).....	285
Number of crew inspected during March, 1901. ....	642
Number of immigrants inspected during March, 1901.....	7
Rejections.....	0
Vaccinations .....	8

*Report of immigrants inspected at the port of Ponce, P. R., during the month of March, 1901.*

Total number of immigrants inspected, 7; number passed, 7.

J. ALEMAN,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
In Temporary Charge.

*Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended April 6, 1901.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 8, 1901.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 6, 1901.

April 6, French steamship *Ville de Marseille*, from Havre, Bordeaux, and St. Thomas, with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.  
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SALVADOR.

*Yellow fever in San Salvador.*

SAN SALVADOR, March 21, 1901.

SIR: I have just returned from making inquiries relating to cases of yellow fever said to have occurred in the last few days, and find that there have been 4 cases, 3 of which terminated fatally; the fourth gives hopes of recovery.

Physicians predict that when the rains set in that disease will be epidemic, owing to the many excavations that have been made in San Salvador. They base their predictions on the early appearance of the disease.

Should the conditions be such as to require a cable before this dispatch reaches the Department, I will do so.

Respectfully,

JOHN JENKINS,  
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.